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ALMA SCHOOLS OPEN

High School Crowded—Largest Attendance in History

IMPROVEMENTS ARE FINISHED

Domestic Science, Commercial and Manual Training Rooms Fully Equipped

The Alma public schools opened last week with the largest enrollment in the history of the school. Over two hundred have classified for work in the high school, three hundred and twenty-five are enrolled in the grammar school and two hundred and forty-seven in the primary school. Despite the fact that twenty-nine graduated last June, fifty more students are enrolled than at the beginning of school last year.

The various department work-rooms and laboratories have been fully equipped and arrayed for the convenience of teacher and pupil. The domestic science department, which was not completed last year, is ready and receiving considerable attention from the high school girls. New desks have been placed in the drawing room, new chairs in the commercial room and all the inside carpenter work finished.

Work in all departments will be pushed this year more than ever before. In the music department, beside the high school chorus and glee clubs, an orchestra will be organized under the direction of Miss McGreaham who attended the summer school of the Northwestern University taking special work in orchestra. The manual training department is being enthusiastically supported by the boys and that the commercial school is popular with the students is proven by the fact that several of last year's graduates have returned to take commercial work. The night school will also be started in the near future.

The football outlook for this fall is very bright and Messrs. Collins and Crisp report that practice will be started immediately.

SCHOOL GARDEN SHOW

In High School Botany Rooms Saturday, Sept. 13th

RULES GOVERNING CONTEST

Specimens Must Be Product of Seed From School Gardening Committee

The annual school gardening flower and vegetable show will be held in the botany room of the high school at three p. m. Saturday, Sept. 13th. The following rules must be observed by all contestants:

Flowers must be brought in vases to which the names of contributors are attached.

Each bouquet must have its various flowers listed alphabetically.

Vegetables must be tied, listed and labeled with owner's name.

Flowers or vegetables grown from other than the seed from the school gardening committee will not be accepted.

Only those children who have themselves tended the gardens, are eligible to this contest.

All contributions must be in the botany room not later than 1:30 Saturday afternoon. Judges are asked to be present at 2:00. The doors will be open to visitors at 3:00. The parents of the contestants are specially asked to come, as there will be a short talk given for them.

Everyone is urged to be present at this exhibit, to encourage the children in the lessons which they are receiving by their own efforts in gardening.

GRACE MESSINGER, Chairman School Gardening Com.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. Quitman Smith has arrived in town and has accepted the pastorate of the Free Methodist church. He will be at his post of duty on this Sabbath, at the church, corner of Cedar avenue and West Center street.

Services as follows: Sunday school, 10 a. m.; Preaching, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m.

Attractive hats in all the newest styles and shapes at Mrs. W. S. Humphrey's Fall Opening, Sept. 18, 19 and 20. X

BRAINERD HOSPITAL NOTES.

Miss Parker is nursing in Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Mae Wood of Mecosta has entered the nurses' training class.

Manley Evans of Riverdale was operated on last Wednesday for cancer of the lip.

Miss Ethel Banfield went to Riverdale Saturday to care for a man who was hurt pulling stumps. The patient died in a few hours and Miss Banfield returned.

Mrs. John Stambough of Vestaburg was brought to the hospital last Wednesday for an operation. Mrs. Stambough's condition was very critical but she is making a splendid recovery.

Miss Ida Cooper graduated the first of the month from the nurses' training course and has gone to the home of her father in Ida, Mich., where she will locate and practice in and near Monroe.

COUNTY SEAT NEWS

Several Ithaca people were late home Monday evening, because of the fact that the north bound evening train, No. 52, was derailed five miles north of Owosso, because of spreading rails. The ties were splintered by the wheels, and the most fortunate thing about it is that no one was injured. About forty foreigners were on board, enroute to Ithaca, where they are now at work on the streets. A train was sent down from Mt. Pleasant to pick the passengers up and forward them to their destinations, those bound for Ithaca arriving about midnight. This held up the traffic until Tuesday forenoon.

Lightning struck the large barn of Martin Marzoff, Sunday evening at about nine o'clock, and it burned completely. Four horses valued at \$1900 were burned. One of the men reached the barn a few moments after it was struck, opened the door, and found the horses all broken loose and one was at the door, and sprang out, but dropped dead as it stepped over the sill. The other three could not be induced to leave the stable. Although some of the grain was in the granary, a large portion of crops were in the barn, and were destroyed. This was considered one of the best barns in Michigan. The insurance barely covered the value of the horses.

The deal between Myles Gray of the Gratiot Journal and Mrs. F. Net-zorg, regarding real estate, was not consummated and Mr. Gray has purchased the Charles G. Graham residence instead. Mr. Graham has purchased the Jeffery residence on West Main street. Ralph Pettit, who recently sold his house to George Duer, has purchased the F. W. Rowe residence.

Mrs. Margan Snyder fell Saturday forenoon last, breaking her hip bone. She is an elderly lady, and has had two strokes of paralysis, and is in a precarious condition. Grandma Russell fell over a doorstep sometime Friday night, and fractured her ribs. She is also an aged lady, and is quite seriously ill because of the accident. Dr. Weller is treating both cases.

Reuben McGill, of Ithaca, pleaded guilty in Justice J. W. Myer's court, Friday last, upon complaint of Mrs. Seth Ward, of violation of the village ordinance, prohibiting fowls to run and annoy. Defendant was fined \$10.00 and costs, which was paid.

James Pratt, who is a painter, and W. F. Markham, both of Pompeii, differed over the cost of a painting job, and Justice Marvin R. Salter, settled the difficulty by giving the former a judgment of \$29.89, and \$9.75 costs, both being paid.

Miss Lena Gallagher of Cass City, who was unable to assume her school duties here last week because of the death of her sister, has arrived, and is on duty this week. She has charge of the 6th grade.

Dr. Skinner entertained his brother, Prof. W. T. Skinner, of Hillsdale, last week. The latter injured his right ankle a few days ago, necessitating the use of a cane.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hook fell Thursday, and broke his arm between the wrist and elbow. Dr. Weller attended him and the little man is progressing finely.

Frank Kernen has disposed of his delivery outfit to Mr. Van Vleet, formerly of Tecumseh, and the latter is now continuing the work.

William Wiggins of Wilcox, New York, who has been visiting with relatives here, is spending a few days near Bay City.

Mrs. Geraldine Price is spending a fortnight in Detroit previous to entering for a second year at Olivet college.

Mrs. James Gladstone of Ithaca is visiting with friends and relatives at Niagara and at Addison, Pa.

Dr. E. H. Foust attended the meeting of the State Medical association at Flint, last week.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Board of Special Assessors Submit Report

OBJECT TO STATE ST. SEWER

Large Number of Bills Allowed and General Business Transacted

Alma, Mich., Sept. 2, 1913. Adjourned regular meeting and the Board of Review for special paving tax and State street sewer, in Council rooms on the above date.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor, Hon. J. M. Montigel. Present: Aldermen Peery, Willard, Cook, Ward, Kehn, Fraker and Special Assessors Clark, Smith, Shar-rar.

There being a quorum present the meeting was declared to be in session.

The journal of the preceding sessions was read and approved.

To the Mayor and City Council. Gentlemen—the undersigned having two years ago paid the sum of \$5.00 for a sewer privilege at 524 State street and not yet having received value therefor, would deem it an injustice to be compelled to pay for another sewer at the present time. I therefore pray your honorable body to make some other provisions in my case, or recompense me for sewer right just paid for.

A. H. OLMSTED.

R. H. Wilcox makes an objection for sewer on State street as he considers the present sewer all right at present for they do not know when they will pave State street.

On motion of Alderman Peery, supported by Alderman Cook, that the bill of E. T. Barnum for gate at Post vault be allowed when approved by the Engineer and charged to F. A. Soucey's account.

Which vote was as follows: Yeas: Aldermen Peery, Willard, Cook, Ward, Kehn and Fraker.

On motion of Alderman Peery, supported by Alderman Cook, that the Clerk be instructed to issue an order for \$838.71 for the city paving taxes.

Which vote was as follows: Yeas: Aldermen Peery, Willard, Cook, Ward, Kehn and Fraker.

On motion of Alderman Cook, supported by Alderman Fraker, that the bill of the Alma Grain & Lumber Co. for \$479.12 be allowed at \$141.68.

Which vote was as follows: Yeas: Aldermen Peery, Willard, Cook, Ward, Kehn and Fraker.

On motion of Alderman Peery supported by Alderman Cook, that the Clerk be instructed to purchase a two-inch Crown meter for the new school building.

Motion carried.

Alderman Cook offers the following resolution and moves its adoption, supported by Alderman Fraker:

Whereas, at a session of the City Council held on the 1st day of July, A. D. 1913, it was determined, after reviewing a petition therefor by a majority of land owners liable to be assessed, to construct a public sewer on State street between Superior and Walnut streets; and

Whereas, after due publication of notice thereof, the City Council have this day heard and considered objections to said improvement from all interested parties; therefore,

Be it Resolved, by the City Council of the city of Alma, in regular session assembled at the City Hall this 2nd day of September, A. D. 1913, that the Board of Special Assessors of the said city of Alma be and they are hereby ordered to make a special assessment roll to be known as "State Street Sewer Assessment Roll for 1913," covering all parcels of land facing State street between Superior and Walnut and Orchard streets; also that parcel of land lying immediately to the west and adjacent to that parcel marked on the map of said sewer filed in the office of the City Clerk as owned by H. C. Moore and R. H. Wilcox, which parcel is owned by the Estate of A. W. Wright; also that parcel of land on the south side of West Downey street immediately to the west of that parcel located on the corner of West Downey and State streets, occupied by C. J. Brown; the amount to be raised by such special assessment is \$829.09; and that such amount be spread on such roll according to benefits.

ALBERT P. COOK. R. J. FRAKER.

Which vote was as follows: Yeas: Aldermen Peery, Willard, Cook, Ward, Kehn and Fraker.

Nays: None.

Alderman Fraker was excused.

Alderman Cook offers the following resolution and moves its adoption, supported by Alderman Peery:

To the Common Council of the City of Alma Mich.

We, the undersigned, members of

the Common Council and Board of Special Assessors, being the Board of Review as provided by statute upon the special assessment for the street paving assessment, would most respectfully report that we have carefully examined and revised the special assessment aforesaid at a meeting appointed for that purpose pursuant to a resolution of the Common Council and the published notice thereof, proof of which is now on file in the office of the City Clerk of the city of Alma aforesaid, and report to your honorable body that we have carefully examined and reviewed the assessment as made by the Board of Special Assessors for the paving of parts of Wright avenue, Superior street and Michigan avenue in the said city; that we find no errors in said roll; and that there have been no objections made or filed by any person against assessment made as aforesaid by said Board of Special Assessors, and that we have neither added to nor subtracted from any of the amounts so

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UNDER NEW STATUTE

Barbers of Michigan Under Stricter Sanitary Act

SKIN DISEASES ARE BARRED

Persons Afflicted With Communicable Skin Diseases Cannot Be Served

Barber shops of Michigan come under stricter sanitary survey and control by the provisions of Act No. 387, passed by the last session of the state legislature. The new law not only creates a new barber board with more mandatory powers than the old board enjoyed, but it empowers the board to fix and prescribe the sanitary requirements of barber shops, subject to the approval of the state board of health.

The law gives the board power to close any barber shop that is not cleanly conducted. In addition, Section 17 of the act specifically forbids shops from serving persons suffering with communicable skin diseases. This section reads:

No person practicing the occupation of barber in this state shall serve a person afflicted with scurvy, eczema, impetigo, syphilis, tuberculosis, or any other contagious or infectious disease. Any person so afflicted is hereby prohibited from being served in any barber shop, barber school or barber college in this state. Any violation of this section will be considered a misdemeanor, as provided for in this act.

For violation of this act the penalty is a fine of not less than \$5, nor more than \$50 or imprisonment in the county jail not less than ten days and no more than ninety days, or both fine and imprisonment as the court may decree.

It has been announced that the law will be strictly enforced.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Alma, St. Mary's—Low Mass and sermon, 8:00 a. m.

St. Louis—Low Mass, 10:30 a. m.

THE ALVARA DO PLAYERS.

The Alvara do players who are showing in Realty opera house this week are giving the people of Alma a week of splendid entertainments. The Alvara do people have been in Alma and vicinity so often and have pleased the people so well that it is like meeting old friends. The house was fairly well filled the first evening when they played "North Carolina Folks," and the audience has increased in size and appreciation each evening. The plays given are of a character that appeal to all classes and the acting is of a high order. The work of Mr. Arthur Blackaller, is especially commendable.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mitchell of Sidney, Ohio, are expected to arrive in Alma Saturday for an extended visit with their son, Leonard Mitchell, and family.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church will meet Tuesday afternoon, September 16, with Mrs. F. E. Ellsworth, 802 State street.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis King entertained twenty-three friends at dinner Tuesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Richardson.

John M. Dunham was unexpectedly called to Flint Tuesday on legal business.

Martin Henry, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Thrush, of Arcadia, died September 5th, of hydrocephalus. He was 1 year 2 months and 13 days of age. Interment was made on Sunday, the 7th, at Emerson cemetery.

W. O. Hugart, Jr., of Grand Rapids, was in Alma the last of the week attending a meeting at the college of the Pioneer Hall committee.

FOR SALE—All material for barn 44 x 80 complete. N. W. Struble. xtl

MILLINERY OPENING.

Tuesday and Wednesday, September 16 and 17 are the dates of Mrs. Gaffney's Millinery Opening. Remember the dates.

WEDNESDAY, the 17th day of September, Smith & Clapp, the hardware dealers, will give a sidewalk demonstration of the merits of the Hot Storm Heaters. You should avail yourself of the opportunity to see this demonstration.

Everything that's new and worth while in fall millinery can be seen at Mrs. Humphrey's Millinery Opening, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week.

SMOKING TOBACCO FOR 25c. at Davis' Smoke Shop. X

SEPT. CROP REPORT

Wheat, Clover Seed and Rye Look Good

POTATO CROP GOOD IN U. P.

Hog Cholera Reported in Thirteen Counties of the State

Lansing, Mich., Sept. 6, 1913.

The average estimated yield of wheat in the State is 16.14, in the southern counties 15.41, in the central counties 16.50, in the northern counties 16.29 and in the upper peninsula 24 bushels per acre. The quality as compared with an average per cent is 95 in the State, central and northern counties, 91 in the southern counties and 97 in the upper peninsula. The total number of bushels of wheat reported marketed by farmers in August at 79 mills is 108,270 and at 81 elevators and to grain dealers 132,507 or a total of 300,777 bushels. Of this amount 236,126 bushels were marketed in the southern four tiers of counties, 64,906 in the central counties and 9,745 in the northern counties and upper peninsula. The estimated total number of bushels of wheat marketed in August is 750,000. Sixty-one mills elevators and grain dealers report no wheat marketed in August.

The estimated yield of oats in the State is 28.71, in the southern counties 33.82, in the central counties 33.53, in the northern counties 32.63, and in the upper peninsula 42.45 bushels per acre. The quality as compared with an average per cent is 90 in the State, 85 in the southern counties, 96 in the central counties, 97 in the northern counties and 100 in the upper peninsula.

The estimated average yield of rye in the State is 13.97, in the southern counties 13.30, in the central counties 13.31, in the northern counties 14.64 and in the upper peninsula 23.15 bushels per acre.

The condition of corn compared with an average per cent is 84 in the State, 75 in the southern counties, 96 in the central counties, 94 in the northern counties and 98 in the upper peninsula. The condition one year ago was 73 in the State, 79 in the southern counties, 61 in the central counties, 71 in the northern counties and 72 in the upper peninsula.

The probable yield of beans compared with an average per cent is 78 in the State, 72 in the southern counties, 79 in the central counties, 88 in the northern counties and 96 in the upper peninsula. One year ago the probable yield was 78 in the State, 81 in the southern and northern counties, 71 in the central counties and 77 in the upper peninsula.

The estimated average yield of peas in the State is 18.10, in the southern counties 17.20, in the central counties 15.85, in the northern counties 16.76 and in the upper peninsula 28.50 bushels per acre.

The condition of potatoes compared with an average per cent is 73 in the State, 61 in the southern counties, 82 in the central counties, 84 in the northern counties and 88 in the upper peninsula. The condition one year ago was 88 in the State and northern counties, 91 in the southern counties, 78 in the central counties and 101 in the upper peninsula.

The condition of clover seed compared with an average per cent is 80 in the State and southern counties, 81 in the central counties, 79 in the northern counties and 92 in the upper peninsula. The condition one year ago was 79 in the State, 78 in the southern counties, 81 in the central and northern counties and 96 in the upper peninsula.

Live stock, hogs excepted, is reported in fair condition; correspondents report hog cholera in the following counties: Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Genesee, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, St. Joseph and Saginaw.

FRED'K C. MARTINDALE, Secretary of State.

Weather Summary for August, 1913.

Temperature—Mean maximum, 80; mean minimum, 57; mean, 68.5; maximum, 14 on 16th; minimum, 40 on 25th.

Precipitation—Total, 4.77; greatest in 24 hours, .95 on 9th. Number of days on which .01 or more precipitation fell, 11; number of clear days, 10; number of partly cloudy, 18; number of cloudy.

Thunder storms, 6th, 8th, 10th, 12th, 14th, 16th, 21st, 22nd.

P. M. SMITH, Local Observer.

RETURNED FROM COLORADO.

Miss Minnie Cheesman, has just returned from spending her vacation in Denver, Col., and will be ready to open classes in Piano and Music Building next week, Monday, September 15th.

Pupils will please schedule as early as possible.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Last Tuesday evening the post-office employees gathered at the home of Sherl Callihan on Park avenue and presented him with a beautiful auto clock. Sherl resigned his position at the office to take effect September 10, and the employees took the opportunity to spend the evening with him at his home. Mr. Callihan has been one of the popular members of the Alma postoffice employees and has a host of friends who wish him success wherever his future business relations may take him.

General Nathan A. Church of Ithaca expects to dispose of his large farm near Clarence, Michigan, composed of several hundred acres, to the state of Michigan, as a nucleus for a home for feeble-minded and others, for whom the state is entertaining some thought of securing a home.

Ralph Wheaton has accepted a position in a Lansing drug store and left for that city Sunday. Mrs. Wheaton will join her husband in the near future.

The Misses Florence Baird and Rena Titus of Beech Park, Ohio, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Titus of Alma Heights.

MRS. E. DAKIN BURIED

In Riverside Cemetery, Alma—Former Alma Young Lady

ACUTE GASTRITIS THE CAUSE

Funeral in Baptist Church Last Monday Afternoon

Mr. Earl Dakin, of Riverside Cal., arrived in Alma Monday morning, with the remains of his wife, formerly Miss Mabel Chapman, who died in Phoenix, Arizona, last week. Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Dakin's mother, came the last week to make arrangements for the funeral and burial. The service conducted by the Rev. J. W. Priest was held in the Baptist church of which Mrs. Dakin was a member, Monday afternoon and burial made in Riverside cemetery.

Beside the husband and mother-in-law a number of outside friends attended the funeral, including the deceased's mother, Mrs. C. Rockwell, and sister Mildred Chapman of Elwell; Mrs. Burr Thompson, a sister from Charlotte; a brother and wife, Mrs. Guy Chapman, of Flint, and brother, Earl Chapman of Bay City.

The church was filled with sorrowing friends at the funeral service and the profusion of flowers were a silent tribute to the character of Mrs. Dakin and an evidence of the esteem in which she was held by her friends.

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TWO NEW INSTRUCTORS

Prof. T. A. Fannell, of Salina, Kan., and Cyril Davis, of Ann Arbor

FACULTY OF SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Assistant Vocal Teacher and Director of Violin Department

Prof. T. A. Fannell of Salina, Kansas, has been secured to fill the position of assistant vocal instructor on the faculty of the School of Music. Prof. Fannell comes to Alma highly recommended as an instructor, director of choruses and a singer. He is a graduate of the music department of the Wesleyan University of Kansas, and has had considerable experience as teacher, choir director and concert singer.

In commenting on the work of Prof. Fannell, the Salina Daily Journal says: "A large congregation assembled in St. John's Lutheran church last Sunday evening for the special service of praise rendered by the chorus choir under the direction of Prof. T. A. Fannell. The worshippers were greatly pleased and spiritually edified. A genuine devotion was breathed in every number of the program. The rendition from an artistic standpoint was all that could be desired."

The success of this concert was due in largest measure to Prof. T. A. Fannell. The choir responded with splendid spirit to his capable direction. The work of the choir attests to his efficiency. Mr. Fannell, who graduated from the Music department of the Wesleyan University has opened a studio in Salina. Those who have been studying under him already show marked improvement in their voice and in their interest in music. Mrs. Fannell's capability for his work, acquired after long and conscientious preparation, as well as his enthusiasm for his task insure his future success.

The Ellsworth Messenger, referring to the rendition of the oratorio, The Holy City, by the Ellsworth Choral society, in which Prof. Fannell sang the tenor solo, says: "Mr. T. A. Fannell, of Salina, won the admiration of all from the rendering of his first number, a tenor solo, 'No weeping yonder.' He sang three solos during the evening and was pleasing throughout."

The Salina Daily Union, in speaking of Prof. Fannell's position in Alma, says: "Many friends of Mr. Fannell will be sorry to hear that he intends to leave Salina. For several years Mr. Fannell has been prominent in all musical entertainments in Salina and was a member of the well known Ye Olde Towne Quartette."

Alma citizens are glad to welcome Prof. Fannell to this city.

The violin department of the School of Music will be under the direction of Mr. Cyril Davis of Ann Arbor. Mr. Davis received his training in Grand Rapids under Wilbur Force, who is recognized as one of the leading violin instructors in the country. Last year Mr. Davis went to Ann Arbor where he played first violin in the string quartette and also played in the symphony orchestra. Although a young man he is a brilliant player and has had considerable concert experience.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Alma, Mich., Sept. 9, 1913.

Regular meeting of the Common Council of the city of Alma in Council rooms on the above date.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor, Hon. J. M. Montigel.

Present: Aldermen Willard, Cook and Fraker.

On motion of Alderman Fraker, supported by Alderman Cook, that there not being a quorum present the Council adjourn to Thursday, September 11, at 8 o'clock p. m.

D. W. ADAMS, City Clerk.

J. M. MONTIGEL, Mayor.

James Argent of Lansing was the guest of Alma friends Sunday.

Fall hats in black and all the newest autumn shades and color tones at Mrs. W. S. Humphreys's. X

WANTED—Woman to answer telephone and door bell and to care for corridors. See Secretary Cook, Alma College.

NOTICE.

All persons desiring employment this campaign should file their applications with time keeper not later than the 23rd of September.

MICHIGAN SUGAR CO., Alma, Mich.